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Paul Heady
Shasta-Trinity National Forest
3644 Avtech Parkway
Redding, CA 96002

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Mr. Heady:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of **support** for your 2008/09 Law Enforcement Grant.

BRC supports law enforcement grants that are part of a holistic vision for managed OHV recreation in the patrol area. Based on the rather modest grant request of \$15,000 dollars, BRC believes the applicant seeks to address an impressive number of issues including illegal OHV activity, OSV patrols, public safety, resource protection, and problems associated with hunting season.

BRC understands the Shasta-Trinity National Forest does not have a managed OHV recreation program to speak of as evidenced by the fact the Forest did not submit a Ground Operations grant. Generally, BRC does not support stand alone LE grants that are not part of an agency's holistic vision/program for managed OHV recreation.

However, the small amount of the grant combined with a project narrative that is holistic in nature is reason enough for BRC to support this grant. Since the Forest will soon have a designated route system, BRC urges the agency to consider development of a formal OHV-related agreement/MOI/action plan between the Forest Service and the Sheriff's Office.

BRC thanks your office for allowing us to comment.

Sincerely,

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